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4. [REDACTED] Edward Braswell, Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say that Senator Sam J. Ervin (D., N. Car.) talked to him about the Agency's problems with S. 782. The Senator mentioned that Agency representatives had met with him but according to Braswell their comments concerning the bill had been extremely general in nature. He told Braswell that he planned to reply to Mr. Helms' letter requesting an Agency appearance in executive session. In his reply he will suggest that the Agency propose specific language which it would like to have included in the bill. Senator Ervin also told Braswell that he would want the Agency to be more specific with regard to our problems with S. 782. Braswell recommended that we do nothing further until we receive Senator Ervin's letter. When we respond he feels that this should include a personal visit from the Director to the Senator.

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12. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Bun Bray, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, who advised that at Chairman Henderson's direction, the Committee staff is continuing a rewrite of the Ervin bill which originated before the close of the last session. The new bill will include specific exemption for the CIA and additional provision authorizing that the President may exempt such other agencies or components as may be necessary in the interest of national security. Mr. Bray noted that although there appears to be no more pressure at this time on the House side than in the past, that Senator Ervin appears to be exerting considerable pressure himself from the Senate side.

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